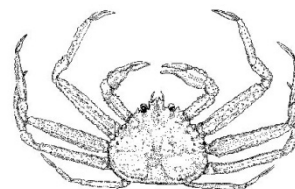

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SOUTHEAST COMMERCIAL TANNER CRAB FISHING SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

Douglas . . . The Registration Area A Tanner crab harvest strategy establishes commercial Tanner crab fishing season length using estimated mature male biomass and the number of registered pots at the start of the fishery. As of 9:30 a.m. Thursday February 16, 2012 there are 48 pot vessels and 3,800 pots registered for the 2011/2012 commercial Tanner crab fishery. At the current estimated mature male biomass and effort level of 3,800 registered pots, the harvest strategy provides two additional days of season length in "core" and "non-core" areas. The 2011/2012 commercial Tanner crab fishery in Southeast Alaska will open in core and non-core areas (described in 5 AAC 35.113(c)) at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, February 16, 2012**. The season will close in "core" fishing areas after seven fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, February 23, 2012**, and close in "non-core" areas after twelve fishing days at 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, February 28, 2012**.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0412.

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